

## Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Commission Trustees 15 September 2021

### Attendees:

Jerry Merrifield (Chairman), Jerry Mills (Treasurer), Hugh Van Brocklin (Sexton) and Larry Richardson (Secretary). The meeting was held at Veterans Hall at 9:56 am.

The minutes from the meeting on August 18th were reviewed, followed by a motion to accept the amended minutes, all in favor. In changing over our bank account to the Savings Bank of Walpole, the minutes will now list each attendee to our meetings by their official title. Also, each officer will act as signees when the new account is set-up; a motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to set up the new bank account in that way.

The balance in the Trustees account remains at \$3,090.18. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report, all in favor.

Jerry Merrifield presented a bill for \$200.00 for the use of his tractor in doing work in the South Cemetery. He has received communication from: Norma Blair concerning her family lot in EHMS 1 (Earl Howard Memorial South Cemetery 1) for the burial of her husband Harold; Herbert and Carolyn Krause met with the Chairman and the Sexton concerning their lot (They used to live in the Shaw residence but now reside in South Carolina) -- arrangements were made ahead of time from their's and their daughter's cremated remains, Marion Holmes who is Chairman of the Claremont, N. H. Cemetery Trustees wanted help with setting up a "Green Burial" area in Claremont -- their regulations called for burial at 3' while our regs (and possibly State law) require burial at 5'. A resident contacted Jerry Mills and Jerry Merrifield about a cemetery on the east side of Route 32. The Nathaniel Taft Cemetery at 246 Old Homestead Highway (Route 32) is what he stumbled upon. The Chairman has the easements and other paperwork for Dana Taylor and Peter and Penelope Wilson who were recently interred.

The Commissioners then discussed signs and directories. We agreed to have a work detail on October 4 at 9 am at the South Cemetery. We will ask the selectmen where we can put a sign for the Barrus Cemetery on Whipple Hill Road. We discussed buying two posts for the Quaker Cemetery to hold much information about the original granting of the Cemetery and other interesting history. A stone at the South Cemetery had been vandalized. After being repositioned by the Sexton and Chairman, relatives will be putting it on a new foundation. Next meeting is October 20th

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M. and we drove to the Town line with Swanzey on Route 32 to install a new sign for the Aldrich Cemetery.

Sincerely, Larry Richardson (Secretary)

ACCEPTED 10/20/2021  
Larry Richardson

